

*December 6, 2020
Second Sunday of Advent
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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil 4:30 p.m.
Sunday 7:30, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.
Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 8:00 a.m.
Friday 8:00 a.m., with Adoration until 11:30 a.m.
First Saturday of the month only 8:00 a.m.

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:30–4:15 p.m.
Tuesday thru Friday 7:40 a.m. or by appointment

PARISH STAFF

Very Rev. Matthew P. Lorrain Pastor
Carolyn Dupuy Bookkeeper
June Hebert Director of Religious Education
Pedro Hernandez Custodian
Layne Mire Parish Secretary
Celeste Veillon Music Director
Katie Roettger Mothers' Day Out

OFFICE HOURS

Monday–Friday 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.
Office closed for lunch 12:30–1:30 p.m.

BAPTISM

Celebrated monthly after the 11:00 am Mass. Also celebrated during Mass on the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord and Easter Sunday. Parents should call the office to enroll in our baptismal preparation program, preferably early in pregnancy. Parents are encouraged to register in the parish and actively practice their faith.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

Inquiries – Call the Parish Office

MARRIAGE

Contact the pastor at least 6 months prior to proposed wedding date. Preparation program is required. Couples should be actively practicing their faith.

CARE OF THE SICK

Emergency calls answered immediately, if possible. Communion calls to homebound weekly by request. Please notify the office if someone is homebound.

CHRISTIAN BURIAL

Family should contact the pastor to begin funeral arrangements.

PRAYER LINE

Call the Parish Office



Dear Parishioners,

Our Thanksgiving Day Mass was very well attended and I was edified by the amount of canned goods and monetary donations received to benefit our food pantry. Our faith teaches us to show compassion and concern for the poor, and this is one concrete way of fulfilling that responsibility. Thank you also to all of you who volunteer your time or donate money in support of our food pantry ministry.

Tuesday, December 8, is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception and normally a holy day of obligation. However, the obligation to attend Mass on holy days and Sundays remains dispensed for Catholics in the Diocese of Baton Rouge. Our Masses on the feast day will be at 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. The students in our Tuesday night religion classes will attend the 6:00 p.m. Mass that evening instead of class. We honor the Blessed Virgin Mary as patroness of the United States of America under the title of the Immaculate Conception.

The annual appeal for the Retirement Fund for Religious is next weekend, December 12 & 13. This is our chance to help provide for our consecrated religious who have given so much to the Church over the years. Extra envelopes for this appeal are available in the rear of church, so please be generous.

Confessions are more limited this Advent season due to the need to protect one another from the spread of the virus. Our annual Advent Penance Service, normally open to everyone, is cancelled this year in favor of the First Penance Service for our 2nd graders and their families. All other Catholics are invited to go to confession on a Saturday afternoon or weekday morning in preparation for Christmas.

I know many people have grown weary of the necessity to wear masks, wash hands, and maintain physical distance in social settings. However, those with legitimate authority over us, namely Governor Edwards and Bishop Duca, have asked that we do so. It is a reasonable request and made out of consideration for our neighbor, especially the most vulnerable. I personally don't find it much of a hardship so please follow the guidelines here at church and elsewhere in the community. Many thanks to those of you who help to sanitize the church after each Mass.

Our schedule of services for Christmas includes three Masses on Christmas Eve and two Masses on Christmas morning. We will celebrate *two* Masses at 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve, one in the church with me, and one in the Activity Center with Father Jon Koehler, in order to accommodate as many as possible given the limited seating. We will then celebrate a third Vigil Mass at 6:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve. Our Masses on Christmas Day will be at 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.

Lastly, please pray for Father Pat Broussard who has taken a leave from active ministry in order to further discern his call to celibacy. Father Pat previously served at Holy Family in Port Allen before his most recent assignment as pastor of St. Mary of False River in New Roads. Father Mike Schatzle has temporarily come out of retirement to celebrate the Masses at St. Mary's until a new pastor is appointed.

In Christ,
Father Matt



FIRST RECONCILIATION RETREAT

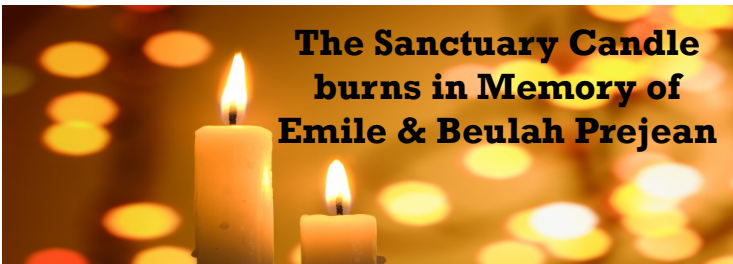
Saturday, December 12th
9:00am in the Activity Center

FIRST RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Tuesday, December 15th
6:00pm in Church



THANK YOU TO BRUSLY HIGH SCHOOL AND BRUSLY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOR DONATING THEIR FOOD DRIVE DONATIONS TO OUR FOOD PANTRY TO FEED THE HUNGRY OF OUR COMMUNITY!



Knights of Columbus Meeting & Social
Wednesday, December 16th
6:00pm in the Activity Center

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCES

November 22, 2020

107 Identified:	\$5,449.00
Loose Collection:	345.00
Total:	\$5,794.00

Campaign for Human Development: \$501.00

CHRISTIAN FORMATION



CHRISTIAN FORMATION MASS

Tuesday, December 8th at 6:00pm
for all Kindergarten & 8th Grade Students
Please proceed directly to Church.
NO CLASS on Monday, December 7th.

5th Grade Circle of Grace Lesson

Wednesday, December 9th

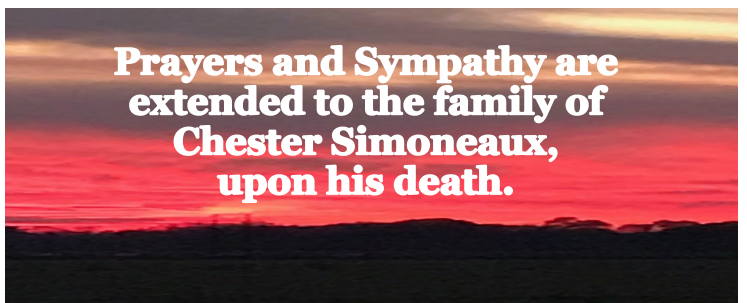
5:30-6:45pm in the Activity Center

Carpool drop-off 5:20pm at the Activity Center

Carpool pick-up 6:45pm at the Activity Center



Please join us to decorate the Church and the Activity Center for Christmas at 1:00pm on Sunday, December 20th.



Do you seek Jesus? Do you wish to become a priest, deacon, brother or sister?

Please call Father Josh Johnson at 225-336-8778 or email him, jjohnson@diobr.org

St John the Baptist Parish Council Members

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Readings for the week of December 6, 2020

- Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8
- Monday: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 35:4f]/Lk 5:17-26
- Tuesday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [1]/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
- Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10 [1]/Mt 11:28-30
- Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab [8]/Mt 11:11-15
- Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [cf. Jn 8:12]/Mt 11:16-19
- Saturday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19 [15:9d]/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
- Next Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 51-54 [Is 61:10b]/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

